

Illinois Human Services Commission (HSC)

June 18, 2014

2:00-4:00 PM

Thompson Center (Chicago), Room 2-025

Harris Building (Springfield), Secretary's Conference Room

Attendees

Chicago: Amy Rynell, Angelica Jimerz for Andi Durbin, Candance King, Jim Lewis, Vickie Smith, Ed McManus, Anne Irving, Gaylord Gieseke, Grace Hou, Jack Kaplan, James Alexander, Judith Gethner, Pam Rodriguez, Wynne Korr, Ashley Lepse

Springfield: Michele Carmichael, Sara Howe, Greg Wass

Welcome and Introductions

Grace Hou and Greg Wass welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. The group then went around and introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved with the necessary changes.

Annual Report Discussion

Greg Wass started the discussion by explaining that the Commission needs to submit an annual report to the General Assembly and Governor. A draft copy was distributed to the commissioners and Greg went through each section of the report. He stated that section seven needs to be expanded. He then asked whoever would like to submit a one pager for inclusion in the report should send a copy to Ashley and him by Sunday. He encouraged all issues to be covered, as it would be beneficial to have a continuum of services represented. He then asked for initial comments from the commissioners. Below are the comments:

- Add a layer of state of affairs in human services
- More explicit in that not everyone who gets services are eligible for Medicaid
- Next steps: having budget at forefront
- Need some client perspectives

Grace Hou then asked the commissioners to think about themes or perspectives they found particularly challenging throughout the year. Greg and her agreed that it would be beneficial to include these in the introductory paragraph and weave them in throughout the report.

Jack stated that there are a number of human service organizations with similar opinions on the end of session. He suggested that newsletters that reflect these similarities be included in the report.

Pam stated that the presentation should be no longer that 5 talking point and more about moving forward.

Greg told the commissioners that the executive summary should serve as a pitch. He continued to explain that the report should be a reflection of what the commission did throughout the past year. There will be a draft that is sent out for feedback from everyone.

Committee Report- GOHIT

Grace reported: With everything happening about consent decrees there's a lot going on in health and human services. The administration is trying to engage all entities. Within the GOHIT committee there are 5 workgroups with leadership identified. The timeframe is aggressive and the committee wants clarity by end of fiscal year. There are some topics that will be dealt with first. Grace believes it is beneficial to have detailed discussions at the HSC meetings, with a liaison from the group reiterating the points to GOHIT. The concern was raised about capacity of the administration to take all comments. It would be good to have foundations to provide administrative support. This would include a group of health care foundations that can meet with this group and have a genuine interest. Grace would also like the group to think about how we could include client's impact in an authentic way. This is still being worked though. Grace will send out email about follow up.

Other Items

The commission then went over calendar dates for the upcoming year. The following dates were agreed upon for Commission meetings:

September 17th 2014 10am-12pm
January 21st 2015 2pm-4pm
March 18th 2015 2pm-4pm
June 17th 2015 2pm-4pm

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.